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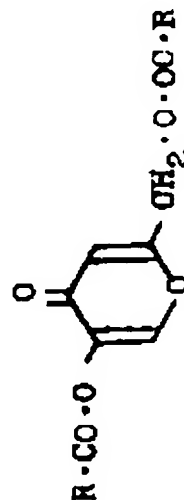
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(54) WHITENING COSMETIC

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: A safe whitening cosmetic, having improved beautifying, whitening and sun screen effects and storage stability, and comprising a diester obtained by reacting kojic acid with an aliphatic carboxylic acid as an active constituent.

CONSTITUTION: A whitening cosmetic comprising (A) 0.01W10%, preferably 1W 5%, of a diester of the formula (R is a residue after removal of a carboxy group from an aliphatic carboxylic acid) as an active constituent in (B) a cosmetic base, in the form of a cream, milky lotion or pack. The compound (A) inhibits the activity of tyrosinase present in the human skin, shows a remarkable inhibitory action on melanization, is very effective against pigmentation, and has the great stability to pH, heat and water and good storage stability and absorption by the skin due to high oil-solubility.



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